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SUBJ: BOTSWANA BEEF: HOOF AND MOUTH

REF: GABORONE 0320 AND PREVIOUS

1. FINMIN CHIEF ECONOMIST, MARTIN TAYLOR, TOLD EMBOFF FEB 23 THAT ALTHOUGH HOOF AND MOUTH WAS NOT YET UNDER CONTROL AND A FEW FRESH OUTBREAKS HAVE OCCURRED IN CORDON AREA I (MGANILAND) BECAUSE OF FAILURE OF FARMERS TO OBSERVE LEGAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF CATTLE, A MAN-MADE VACCINE WAS PROVING EFFECTIVE AGAINST SA TYPE II AFTER FOUR OR FIVE INNOCULATIONS. THEREFORE, IT APPEARED THAT THE RISKY ALTERNATIVE OF USING A LIVE VACCINE COULD BE EXCLUDED (SEE REF).

2. TAYLOR SAID THAT THE GOB PETITIONED THE EEC JAN 19 TO ACCEPT BEEF FROM THE NON-INFECTED SOUTHERNMOST CORDON AREAS OF

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BOTSWANA (V AND VI), WHICH TAKE IN THE KGATLENG, KWENENG, SOUTH-EASTERN, SOUTHERN AND THE KGALAGADI DISTRICTS. STRINGENT GUARANTEES WERE GIVEN THAT NO BEEF FROM FURTHER NORTH, TO INCLUDE BOTH INFECTED AND NON-INFECTED AREAS, WOULD BE EXPORTED. THE UK HAS GIVEN ITS OWN AGREEMENT TO THE PROPOSAL AND IS SOLICITING THE NECESSARY CONSENT FROM THE OTHER EEC PARTNERS.

3. COMMENT: VETERINARY REGULATIONS ASIDE, UK'S POSITIVE
RESPONSE TO THE GOB PETITION IS WHAT THIS COUNTRY NEEDS MOST.
AS UK HIGH COMMISSIONER FREQUENTLY POINTS OUT TO US AND HIS
OWN AUTHORITIES, THE EEC IMPORTATION OF BOTSWANA BEEF IS MORE
IMPORTANT FOR BOTSWANA'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STABILITY THAN
FOREIGN AID.
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